

Help Us Identify Gaithersburg's *PEOPLE OF CHARACTER*

Recognizing that we are all human and no one is perfect, we are seeking word of people who consistently strive to exemplify the Six Pillars of Character. Nominations are being sought for the City of Gaithersburg's ***Person of Character*** award. Nominees should either live or work within the incorporated City limits and their actions should benefit the community. They should be a role model for children, and should be someone who doesn't bend to the pressures of the day, but who is guided by the Six Pillars, regardless of cost.

Please see the reverse of this form for traits that exemplify the Six Pillars. We ask that you answer the questions on the reverse, highlighting how the nominee embodies the Six Pillars. Feel free to use as much paper as necessary to give us a thorough overview of the individual.

Please drop off or mail to: CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee, 31 S. Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. For more information call 301-258-6395.

Date Submitted: _____

Nominee's Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

How do you know this person? _____

Please give us one other person we could contact for more information on this nominee

Name: _____ *Phone # (day)* _____ *(eve)* _____

Your Name: _____ *Phone # (day)* _____ *(eve)* _____

Address: _____

Thank you so much for taking the time to make this nomination.

The City's CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee will review all nominations and will forward recommendations to the Mayor and City Council. Nominators will receive word of the Committee's decision within 60 days of submitting a nomination. Individuals chosen for a ***Person of Character*** award will be honored at a Mayor and City Council meeting, although the Mayor and Council are not in any way involved in the process of choosing award recipients.



Gaithersburg Person of Character Award

We would appreciate it if you would give us additional information on your candidate based on the criteria listed below, citing specific examples. Feel free to use as much paper as you need.

1. What specific instances of good character have been demonstrated by your candidate? Use the Six Pillars listed below as a guideline.
2. Cite examples of how your candidate stepped outside his/her professional responsibilities with acts of character.
3. What service organizations or activities has your candidate been involved in? Describe the nature and length of involvement.

Guidelines:

- Nominees should either live or work inside the incorporated City limits
- Their actions should benefit the City of Gaithersburg.
- They should embody character traits that would make them a model for children in the community.
- They should be people who do not bend to the “pressures of the day,” but who hold to the Six Pillars regardless of the cost, and are known to do so consistently. (Descriptions of the Six Pillars can be found below.)
- They should have an accumulation of special deeds or, do one outstanding deed or, give years of service to and for the community outside of professional duties.

Trustworthiness - Living with integrity, honesty, reliability, and loyalty. Standing up for what is honorable and upright. Living by principles no matter what others say. Having the courage to do what is right regardless of the cost. Having a good reputation.

Respect - Valuing all persons. Honoring the dignity, privacy, and freedom of others. Showing courtesy and politeness to all. Having tolerance and acceptance for differences. Dealing with anger peacefully. Judging others only on their character and conduct.

Responsibility - Meeting the demands of duty. Being accountable. Pursuing excellence. Exercising self-control. Thinking about consequences before acting. Doing what can be done to make things better. Setting a good example. Not making excuses or blaming others. Doing *what is right*, not what one *has a right to do*.

Fairness - Being just and impartial. Treating people equally. Making decisions without favoritism or prejudice. Taking only one's fair share. Listening to all and considering what is said. Carefully getting all the facts and viewpoints before making decisions.

Caring - Being compassionate, kind, empathetic, considerate, and charitable. Expressing gratitude. Having concern for others and forgiving others for their shortcomings. Helping others without strings attached for the sake of making life better, not for praise or recognition.

Citizenship - Doing one's share. Helping the community. Respecting authority and the law. Pursuing the common good. Protecting the environment. Contributing to the community by paying taxes. Voting. Serving on committees. Honoring and respecting principles of democracy.